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In re application of

Steven BALL

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METHOD FOR OBTAINING
MODIFIED POLYSACCHARIDES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 4, lines 1 and 2, change "any one of the
preceding claims" to --claim 1--.

Claim 5, lines 1 and 2, change "any one of the
preceding claims" to --claim 1--.

Claim 6, lines 8 and 9, change "any one of the
preceding claims" to --claim 1--.

Claim 15, line 2, cancel "or 14".

Add the following new claim:

--18. ~~Cloning~~ and/or expression vector comprising
a nucleotide sequence as defined in claim 14.--

Respectfully submitted,

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